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Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: January 11, 1967

FROM : R. E. Wick

SUBJECT: EDWARD KERN
EDITOR, LIFE MAGAZINE;
REQUEST TO INTERVIEW BUREAU EMPLOYEE
RE FINDINGS OF WARREN COMMISSION

At 11:10 AM on 1/11/67, Bishop in my office received a telephone call from Edward Kern who stated he was an editor for "Life" magazine in New York City, but was calling locally from the National Airport. He advised he was conducting a "long range investigation of the findings of the Warren Commission," and wanted to interview the Bureau Laboratory examiner who had conducted a spectrographic examination of bullet fragments found in the assassination car. He stated he particularly wanted to know if such an examination was made by the examiner and also desired to ask him "technical" questions concerning the examination. He advised that the testimony of SA Robert A. Frazier of the FBI Laboratory as reported in the Warren Commission Report reflects that the spectrographic examination of these bullet fragments had been made, but he was unable to find the Laboratory results in the material available in Archives.

BACKGROUND

A spectrographic examination was made by SA John F. Gallagher of the FBI Laboratory of bullet fragments found in the assassination car, in the head of the President, and in the wrist of Governor Connally. The results of this examination were incorporated into a Laboratory report which was furnished to the Chief of Police at Dallas under date of 11/23/63, with copies designated for the SAC at Dallas. The results of the Laboratory report are incorporated into an investigative report of the assassination submitted by the Dallas Office. The Laboratory examination reflected that the lead metal in all the fragments are similar in composition.

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Memo Wick to DeLoach
Re: Edward Kern, Editor, Life Magazine;
Request to Interview Bureau Employee
Re Findings of Warren Commission

ACTION TAKEN:

Kern was advised by Bishop that all investigation conducted by the FBI, as well as all examinations made by the FBI Laboratory, were completely reported to the Warren Commission by the FBI, and therefore it would not be possible for Kern to interview a Bureau Laboratory examiner concerning this. He was advised that the FBI could not be of assistance to "Life" magazine in connection with their investigation into the findings of the Warren Commission.

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Following up on my work LIFE magazine sought information relating to the results of the JFK spectrographic examinations, on 1/11/67.

LIFE also could not find any results in the National Archives. (vertical line.)

LIFE was told no more than that the specimens were "similar in composition."([redacted] vertical [redacted] line.) No mention of quantitative and qualitative similarity.

Yet on page 2 the FBI notes that "all examinations" were "completely reported to the Warren Commission".)